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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Vosseler et al.  
Serial No: 09/853,103  
Title: METHOD, SYSTEM AND COMPUTER  
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR MONITORING  
OBJECTS IN AN IT NETWORK  
Filed: May 10, 2001  
Examiner: Le Hien Luu  
Art Unit: 2141  
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Confirmation No.: 5806  
Customer No.: 27,623

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

Applicants are submitting the present paper in response to the Office Action dated August 17, 2004 (the "Office action"). Please reconsider the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.